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House Bill 4620

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Committee on Prevention and Treatment of
Substance Abuse then Health and Human
Resources]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §16-59-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; relating
2 to certification of recovery residences; and redefining definition of “recovery residence”.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 59. CERTIFICATION OF RECOVERY RESIDENCES.

§16-59-1. Definitions.

1 As used in this article, the term:

2 (1) “Certificate of compliance” means a certificate that is issued to a recovery residence
3 by the department’s appointed certifying agency.

4 (2) “Certified recovery residence” means a recovery residence that holds a valid certificate
5 of compliance.

6 (3) “Department” means the Department of Health and Human Resources.

7 (4) “Recovery residence” means a structure which would normally be classified as a
8 single-family, which will be utilized as a drug-free, and alcohol-free residential, dwelling unit, or
9 other form of group housing, that is offered or advertised by any person or entity as a residence
10 that provides a drug-free and alcohol-free living environment for the purposes of promoting
11 sustained, long-term recovery from substance use disorder. In no case shall a structure that would
12 not be normally classified as a single family dwelling be exempt from the state building or fire
13 codes that govern the occupancy and construction of those structures.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to redefine the definition of “recovery residence”

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law
and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.